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ALLERTONS OF NEW ENGLAND AND VIRGINIA.

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ISAAC¹ ALLERTON, a young tailor from London, was married at the Stadhuis, Leyden, 4 November, 1611, to Mary Norris (Savage says "Collins"), maid from Newbury, co. Berks. At the same time and place was married his sister Sarah, widow of John Vincent, of London, to Degory Priest, hatter, from the latter place.* Priest, freeman of Leyden 16 November, 1615, came out on the Mayflower in 1620, and died, soon after landing, 1 January, 1620-1; his widow, who had remained behind, married 3d, at Leyden, 13 November, 1621, Goddard Godbert (or Cuthbert Cuthbertson), a Dutchman, who came with his wife to Plymouth in the Ann, 1623, and both died in 1633.

Allerton a freeman of Leyden 7 February 1614; save his brother-in-law Priest, and the subsequent Governor of the Colony, Wm. Bradford, none others of the company appear to have attained this honor. He was one of the Mayflower pilgrims in 1620, and was accompanied by his wife Mary, and his children Bartholomew, Remember and Mary. John Allerton, a sailor, who designed settling in the new colony, died before the vessel sailed on her return voyage, and Mrs. Mary Allerton died 25 February, 1621.

About 1626 Isaac Allerton married his 2d wife, Fear Brewster, who died at Plymouth, 12 December, 1634. How soon after this he was again married is not apparent, but in 1644 a third wife, Johanna, is mentioned. The earlier incidents of Allerton's New England life, until his leaving the Bay Colony, are well known. He then appears to have settled in New Haven, where he commenced trading with the Dutch, and on 20 Jan. 1642, sold his yacht "Hope" to Govert Loockermans of New Amsterdam. The following year he and Loockermans had a grant in the latter town of two lots on the Great Highway, some 8 rods wide by 18 rods deep, running back to the Marsh. These lots are later mentioned in a grant of 1644 to Hendrick Jansen Smith; in one of 1645 to Edward Marrel; and in a transfer of March 15, 1652, from Barent Meyndertsen and Wessel Evertsen to Cœnradt Ten Eyck. The "Duke's Plan" of New York, 1661, represents

* The records of St. Dionis, Backchurch, London, give the marriage of Edward Allerton, of that parish, to Rose Davis of St. Peter's, Cornhill, 14 Feb. 1579-80; the wife survived her husband six years and died in June, 1596; possibly they were the parents of Isaac and Sarah.

Allerton's Buildings on the East River, outside of the city limits, just south of the "Passage Place" to L. I., and the same occurs on the "Nicoll's Map," 1664-68. Allerton evidently resided some time in New Amsterdam, for when an uprising of the Indians in the neighborhood was feared, and, at the request of Director Kieft, the Commonalty elected, 13 Sept. 1643, eight Selectmen for counsel and advice on public affairs, Allerton was one of the number. Letters of complaint were then sent abroad depicting the defenceless condition of the colony, and prominent among those who obtained signatures to these documents was Isaac Allerton. Denounced as a batch of libels and lies, the ex-Director Kieft implored his successor Stuyvesant, 18 June, 1647,* that the Fiscal might prosecute the offenders. About this time Allerton removed back to New Haven, though still maintaining a trading-house on Manhattan Island. Certainly in a deed of Oct. 27, 1646, he calls himself a merchant of New Amsterdam, while in a bond to him of Nov. 29, 1651, from Jonathan Brewster, he is styled "Isack Allerton, Senior, of Newhaven, Merchant."

At an earlier date than Brewster's bond, viz., July 9, 1651, we find "Isaac Allerton of Suffolk, merchant," a witness, at Fort Nassau on the east bank of the South (or Delaware) River, to a free gift of land from certain Sachems to the Director General Stuyvesant.

June 27, 1650, a town ordinance of New Amsterdam forbade the running at large of cattle, &c., between the Fortress, which had just been repaired, "and the Hon. Company's farm, to the end of their High Mightinesses' pasture-ground, at present occupied by Thomas Hill, nor between the house of Mr. Isaac Allerton, in the penalty of," &c.

A letter of John Davenport of New Haven, dated 27 Sept. 1654, mentions Mr. Allerton as being then on a voyage to Virginia.

The Records of New Haven show that his Inventory was brought into Court, 5 April, 1659, the son Isaac being away at the time. The latter produced his father's will 5 July following, and was appointed to settle the estate; but the next day relinquished this trust to certain others, although the Court endeavored to persuade him to the contrary, as being "the deceased's eldest or onely sonne." In fact, the son Isaac is the only child referred to in the will, which mentions debts in Barbadoes, Delaware Bay and Virginia. Isaac Allerton, Jr., purchased his father's house from the creditors, and, by deed of 4 October, 1660, conveyed it to his stepmother for life, with remainder to his daughter Elizabeth. Mrs. Johanna Allerton died in 1682, the deed was confirmed on 10 March, 1682-3, the property passing to Mrs. Elizabeth Eyre, after whose death in 1740 it was pulled down. His children were:

- i. BARTHOLOMEW,² b. in Holland about 1612: came with father to Plymouth, where he still was in 1627, but returned soon after to England, where, according to Bradford, he m. and continued to live.
- ii. REMEMBER, living in Plymouth, 1627; not heard of after.
- iii. MARY, b. in 1616; m. Elder Thomas Cushman of Plymouth, who d. 10 Dec. 1691, aged 83; she died in 1699, the last survivor of the Mayflower pilgrims.
- iv. SARAH, said to have come out with her aumt, Mrs. Cuthbertson, from Holland, in 1623; m. about 1638, Moses Maverick, of Marblehead and Salem, and died about 1656, leaving children.
2. v. ISAAC (by 2d wife).

* If any Isaac Allerton joined the Church at Salem in 1647, as Savage says, I am inclined to think it was his son, though the latter was then a student at college.

2. ISAAC² ALLERTON, b. in Plymouth, 1630; Harv. Coll. 1650; settled in Virginia. His plantation in Westm. Co. is laid down on Herrman's Map of Virginia and Maryland, engraved by Faithorne, 1670, in March of which year, he, with his neighbors John Lee, Henry Corbin* and Thomas Gerrard, surgeon, entered into a compact for building a banqueting-house at or near their respective lands. Gerrard, professedly a Roman Catholic, lived many years in Maryland, was of the Council, and then removed to a plantation on Masthotick (or Machotick) Creek, the southern boundary of Westm. Co., Va.; by his will of 5 February, 1672, he appoints Major Isaac Allerton, John Lee and John Cooper to settle his estate. Called a Papist, Allerton is said to have been appointed by James II. to supply the place of Col. Philip Ludwell, about 1687, as Collector of Customs for York River, and, at a Council, held at James City, 18 October, 1688, he and others were present with the Governor, Lord Howard of Effingham. As early as 1652 he had a wife Elizabeth, and Hutchinson, in Hist. of Mass., ii. 461 (pub. 1767), speaks as though there were male offspring in Maryland at that time, but whether he married a second time does not appear; if not, he certainly formed so close a friendship with Mr. Thomas Willoughby, of Elizabeth City, as to name a son for him, viz.: Willoughby Allerton. Mr. Willoughby, born in Virginia on Christmas, 1632, and educated in Merchant Taylors' School, London, styles himself, in deeds of 1688-9, Thomas Willoughby of Elizabeth River, in county of Lower Norfolk, Virginia, gentleman, sole son and heir of the Hon. Lt. Col. Thomas Willoughby of same parish and county. He married Margaret Herbert, had one son Thomas,† a daughter who married the Rev. Moses Robertson of St. Stephen's parish, co. Westm., and a daughter Sarah, who dying single in 1740, mentions in her will of January 19, 1738, her brother, Thomas Willoughby, and her cousins (nephews) Thomas, Samuel, William and Allerton Willoughby, also her cousin John Willoughby Robertson.

Neill, in his "Virginia Carolorum," states that in an expedition against the Indians (the Marylanders being under Major Thomas Trueman and the Virginians under Col. John Washington), Col. George Mason and Major Isaac Allerton united their forces about Sept. 27, 1675. Finding no enemy, they laid siege for six weeks to a neighboring fort of friendly Susquehannas, who, finally stealing away by night, soon bitterly retaliated upon the whites. In 1679 it was enacted that a garrison or store-house should be erected at the heads of the four principal rivers, and Maj. Isaac Allerton with Col. St. Leger Codd and Col. George Mason were appointed to superintend building a house, 60×22, and a magazine 10 feet square, at Neapsico, near Occaquian, on the Potomac River.

The will of the Hon. Isaac Allerton, of Westm. Co., Va., dated 25 October, 1702, witnessed by Humphrey Morris, John Gerrard and Daniel Occany, was proved 30 December following. He describes himself as sick of body, and, after a pious prelude, disposes of his estate as follows: To Church of Cople parish, £10 sterling; to daughter Sarah Lee, and grandson Allerton Newton, two tracts of land in Stafford County; "to my dear daughter Elizabeth Starr, al^e Heirs who live in New England, 600 acres of land, part

* See Note 1.

† See Note 2.

of a dividend of 2,150 acres on south side of Rappahannock River to her the said Elizabeth and such of her children as she shall dispose of the same to, but in case the said Elizabeth be dead before the date of this my will, I will & devise the said 600 acres of land to her eldest son and to his heirs forever"; he also gives to her heirs the sum of 2,000 lbs. of tobacco, to be paid upon demand, and 5,000 lbs. to daughter Sarah Lee; and as daughter Traverse "has had a sufficient part or proportion of my estate given her in consideration of marriage, I do therefore for memorial sake give unto her three daughters, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Winifred Traverse, the sum of 1,000 lbs. of tobacco apiece" when 17 years of age or upon marriage; to grandson, Allerton Newton, 1,000 lbs. of tobacco when 21 years of age; "all the remaining part of my lands & tene-ments not above bequeathed, how or wheresoever situate and being to my well beloved son Willoughby Allerton and to his heirs for-ever"; he also bequeaths his son all his personal estate, goods and chattels, real and personal, of what kind, sort or quality soever the same be, and appoints him executor. His children were:

- i. ELIZABETH,³ b. at New Haven, Conn., 27 Sept. 1653; m. 23 Dec. 1675, Benjamin Starr, of New Haven, who d. 1678, aged 31, leaving son :

1. Allerton,⁴ b. 6 Jan. 1677.

She m. 2d, on 22 July, 1679, Simon Eyre (or Heyres), sea captain of New Haven, b. 6 Aug. 1652, her first husband's cousin, who died in 1695, and had sons Simon and Isaac. Eyre had an uncle, Thomas, who d. in Virginia, 1666, aged 44. Mrs. Eyre d. 17 Nov. 1740.

- ii. ISAAC, b. in New Haven, 11 June, 1655. A recently published genealogy of the family states that he accompanied his father to Virginia when a child, but returned to New Haven about 1683, and had there from 1685-90 three sons, John, Jesse, and Isaac (who died young); that he removed to Norwich, Conn., and subsequently with his son John to Coventry, R. I., where he soon died. That the son John had eight children, of whom Isaac, b. at Norwich in 1724, d. in Amenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., 26 Dec. 1807.

We know that this statement contains errors, and the whole seems very problematical; suffice it to say that Isaac Allerton the third is not even alluded to in the will of his father, as we have seen. It must be admitted, however, that a John Allerton was Selectman of Norwich, Conn., in 1721, and had children there baptized as early as 1713, and that an Isaac Allerton of Amenia Precinct, N. Y., had a will of 25 Dec. 1804, proved in Dutchess Co., N. Y., 13 Jan. 1808, though the earliest of the name there located was Jonathan, who signed the "Association" in June, 1775.

- iii. SARAH, b. ——; m. Hancock Lee, whose first wife was a Miss Kendall. He had children by both marriages, and settled in what is now Great Wycombe parish, Northumberland Co., building the mansion called "Ditchley," where, in 1729, he was buried beside his two wives. He and his brother John Lee, before mentioned, were sons of Col. Richard Lee, of Virginia, descended from the Shropshire Lees, but "lately of Stratford Langton, in the county of Essex," as he states in his will of 1663.

- iv. ——, another dau., m. —— Newton, and had son Allerton,* mentioned in grandfather's will, 1702.

- v. ——, another dau., m. Traverse, and had daus. Elizabeth, Rebecca and Winifred, mentioned in their grandfather's will, 1702.

- vi. WILLOUGHBY, b. ——; m. Hannah Bushrod, widow.

* See Note 3.

3. **WILLOUGHBY³ ALLERTON** m. Hannah Bushrod, widow of John Bushrod,* of Nominy Plantation, with two children by her former marriage, Hannah and Sarah. Mr. Allerton was Dep. Coll. of Customs for York River, 1711; whatever else we know of him is gathered from his will, drawn up on the 16th and 17th of Jan. 1723-4, and proved 25 March following. He calls himself Willoughby Allerton, Gent., of the co. of Westmoreland, in Virginia, sick and weak in body, etc., and directs his executors that he "be interred in silence, without any show of funebrious rites and solemnities, and that my grave be impall'd with a brick wall, together with all the rest of my friends & ancestors, a year's time after my death, * * * and further I desire that none of my friends may wear anything of mourning-cloathing in representation of grief and sorrow for my death." He then directs his executors to settle all his just debts, selling, if necessary, the whole or part of the tract of land, some 500 acres, upon which he was living, situated on the west side of Machotick Creek, part of which had been patented by George Watts. This same land, or whatever is left of it, he gives to his son Isaac and his heirs forever; he also leaves him his searlett cloak, with the horse-furniture, and requests that his sword "be sent to England and a new blade put in, also a scabbard made, and a false scabbard for my son Isaac." He also leaves land and part of personal estate to his daughter, Elizabeth Allerton, and makes provision for the support of his own and his wife's children. To his wife Hannah he gives back all the negroes, cattle, horses, sheep, etc., which may be found on the several plantations once belonging to the estate of Capt. John Bushrod, which she had brought to him at her marriage; also all the household goods, merchandise, etc., "which were brought home from Nominy"; also "the school-master Joshua Nelson, as also three white servants more, viz.: John Carney, Eliz^a Morell and John Brenau"; also "my two boats with the rigging & sales"; also "the plantation at the Narrows of Machotick for her natural life, &c. &c."; also "one mourning-ring of fifteen shillings and one new caudle-cup lately come out of England"; also "a young horse named Rebel"; also "whatever goods may be in the House, or may be coming, or sent for out of England," &c. "I also ordain & constitute my dear son Ex^r of this my last will & testament, and my said wife and Capt. George Tuberville Ex^{rs} trust during my son Isaac's minority." His children were:

i. **ELIZABETH,⁴** b. ——; m. —— Quills, and had children, Sarah and Margaret, living 1739.

4. ii. **ISAAC.**

4. **ISAAC⁴ ALLERTON** (son of Willoughby and Hannah A.), born ——, was not of age in January, 1723-4, and in probate of will is called "gentleman of Cople parish, co. Westm." This instrument, dated 31 March, 1739, was proved 27 November following. To wife Ann he gives one third of all his lands, including the plantation he was living upon, for life or during widowhood. His entire estate, real and personal, to be divided between his three sons Gawin (or Gowen), Willoughby and Isaac, as they respectively arrive at the age of 21 years. Isaac is spoken of as weakly, and provision made in case

* See Note 4.

he should grow up lacking the right use of his limbs. Directions are given for the liberal education of the boys, who, if they do not take to the same, are to be bound out, when 15 years of age, to such mechanic's trade as they may make choice of. In case of the death of the three boys under age, he bequeaths one half of his entire estate to Sarah and Margaret, children of his sister Elizabeth Quills, and the other half to his cousins John Beale and his brothers Charles, Taverner, Richard and Reuben. He appoints his wife Ann, his friend John Bushrod, and Daniel Hornby, gentlemen, executors. His children were:

- i. GAWIN,⁵ b. ———; not 15 in 1739.
- ii. ISAAC, b. ———; not 15 in 1739.
- iii. WILLOUGHBY, b. ———; not 15 in 1739; called in his will of 30 June, 1759, proved 25 September following, "Gent. of Westmoreland Co." He gives his wife Ann one third of all his lands and negroes in Virginia and elsewhere, all furniture in house and out-houses, his post chaise and the two horses that draw it; to his two sisters-in-law, Jane and Alice Currie, daus. of Mr. David Currie, the remaining two third parts of his estate; to Capt. Hancock Eustice £700 currency; to his friend Richard Lee, Esq., and his heirs, 200 acres of land adjoining his, and appoints him with Rev. Mr. David Currie, executors.

NOTES.

1.—Henry Corbin, born 1629, merchant of London, came out in 1654, and settled in Stratton Major parish, King and Queen's Co., Va.; his eldest daughter Laetitia died 6 October, 1706, æ. 49, wife of Richard Lee, Esq. (son of Richard Lee), who died 12 March, 1714, æ. 68, and was buried in the Burnt-house fields, Mt. Pleasant, Cople parish, co. Westm. The eldest son, Thomas, ob. s.p.; the second, Gawin, was president of the Couueil of Virginia, married daughter of William Bassett, and had 3 sons and 4 daughters: Gawin, of the Council, whose d. and h. Martha married George Turberville; Richard, of Laneville, whose influence procured and sent George Washington a commission in 1754; John, settled in Maryland: Jenny, married —— Bushrod; Joanna, married Maj. Robert Tucker; Alice, married Benjamin Needler, vestryman, of Stratton Major; the fourth daughter married an Allerton.—(See Meade's "Ch. and Fam. of Va.")

2.—Thomas Willoughby the third, died in summer of 1753, and was succeeded by his eldest son, John Willoughby, Sr., who by will of August, 1776, leaves his son of the same name, the manor which he had taken up for himself and patented, called Sandy Point (afterwards Willoughby Point), and "a seal gold ring." This ring is again mentioned in the son's (John Willoughby, Jr.) will of February, 1786, proved September, 1791, as "one seal gold ring with the picture with my Court of Armes on it," and is left to son Thomas of the sixth generation.

3.—Allerton Newton was doubtless akin to Capt. Willoughby Newton, of Westm. Co., whose wife Sarah, daughter of George Eskridge, died 2 December, 1753, æ. 46; parents of John, whose son Willoughby married widow of Richard Lee of Lee Hall (same Co.), maiden name Poythress.—(Meade.)

4.—John Bushrod, born in Glouc. Co., Va., 30 January, 1663, died 6 February, 1719, leaving widow Hannah, daughter of William Keene of co. North.—(Meade.)

The late Hon. Henry W. Cushman of Bernardston, Mass., prepared a minute and somewhat elaborate biography of Isaac Allerton, from the materials that were then accessible. This biography he intended to print in the Cushman Genealogy, which he was then preparing and which he published in 1855. An abridgement of this paper appeared in the REGISTER for July, 1854 (vol. 8, pp. 65-70). The full article never was printed, the article in the Cushman volume, owing to want of space, being only an abstract.—EDITOR.

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